## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS CORP.,	)	
Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant,	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	C.A. No. 04-10515-JLT
	)	
ROBERT E. BARNES,	)	
Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff.	)	
	)	

## PLAINTIFF/COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT, PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS CORP.'S, MOTION IN LIMINE TO PRECLUDE EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE, PURSUANT TO FED. R. EVID. 411

The plaintiff/counterclaim defendant, Pan American Airways Corp. ("Pan Am"), requests that this Honorable Court enter a pre-trial ruling, pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 411, precluding the defendant/counterclaim plaintiff, Robert Barnes ("Barnes"), from introducing testimony, or otherwise introducing into evidence, issues of insurance at the time of trial As grounds for this motion, Pan Am states as follows:

- 1. Pan Am has brought the instant action against the defendant/counterclaim plaintiff, seeking recovery of monetary damages suffered by Pan Am as a result of Barnes' failure to properly perform his job duties while employed by Pan Am as its Vice President of Maintenance. The damages sought consist of monies paid to service certain aircraft engines following an investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration as to the storage and preservation of the subject aircraft engines during Barnes' employment with Pan Am.
- 2. On September 1, 2006, counsel for Barnes e-mailed preliminary submissions to the parties' Joint Pre-Trial Memorandum to counsel for Pan Am. Included within the Contested Issues of Fact section, counsel included the following issue: "Whether Pan Am was required to carry insurance for engines and aircraft."
- 3. Fed. R. Evid. 411 provides, in pertinent part that: "Evidence that a person was or was not insured is not admissible upon the issue whether the person acted negligently or otherwise wrongfully."
- 4. Upon information and belief, Barnes intends to introduce issues of insurance to somehow demonstrate alleged comparative negligence on the part of Pan Am. Specifically, Pan Am anticipates that Barnes will try to show that no damages would have been suffered by Pan Am due to Barnes failure to properly carry out his job duties if Pan Am had been insured. Pursuant to the provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 411, such evidence of insurance is clearly inadmissible and patently

prejudicial.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff/counterclaim defendant, Pan American Airways Corp, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter a pre-trial ruling, pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 411, precluding the defendant/counterclaim plaintiff from introducing testimony, or otherwise introducing into evidence, issues of insurance at the time of trial.

Respectfully submitted, By the Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant, Pan American Airways Corporation, By its attorneys,

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DATED: September 8, 2006

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John J. O'Brien, Jr., attorney for the plaintiff/counterclaim defendant, Pan American Airways Corporation, hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2006, I served true copies of:

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